

# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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ELECTION: MAY 3 7AM-7PM-Senior Center BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY: MAY 7 PG 15 NEW COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PG 17

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A few reminders from Public Works for the month of May:

The streetsweeper will be in town May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please park your car off the street when you see the streetsweeper in your area.

Public Works will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day Holiday. The holiday trash schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>: Town-wide Trash Pick-up Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>: Town-wide Recycling Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Town-wide Yard Waste Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Town-wide Trash Pick-up

Tips for garden beautification:

May 1<sup>st</sup> is generally considered our areas' "frost-free date" for summer flower planting. This means you can start planting summer flowers and other tender plants that can't take freezing temperatures. Remember native plants and perennials are adapted to freezing temperatures, so they can be planted earlier, but check planting instructions on the specific varieties that you intend to plant.

Remember that there is a "Public Right-of-Way", approximately 10' from the curb into residents' yard. If you intend to plant trees in this zone, please contact Public Works to make sure it is a permissible tree for the Right-of-Way. When planting trees anywhere in your yard (whether it is in the Right-of-Way or not), remember to consider how big the tree will get if you have power lines nearby.

By planting the "right tree, right place", you can avoid putting trees that will get too large in a situation where Pepco must prune them in a less-than-ideal aesthetic style later when they reach maturity. Some smaller trees that are compatible with utility wires include cherries, crabapples, purple-leaf plums, dogwoods and redbuds. If there are no wires, large shade trees offer many great benefits and are encouraged to provide natural summer cooling (and air conditioning savings), as well as many environmental benefits. Or you may want an evergreen to offer privacy.

Whatever type of plantings you choose, landscaping can beautify your property and the community, serve many functional purposes, increase your home value and improve the environment! Algunos recordatorios de Obras Públicas para el mes de mayo:

El barrendero estará en la ciudad del 2 al 6 de mayo. Estacione su automóvil fuera de la calle cuando vea al barrendero en su área.

Las obras públicas estarán cerradas el lunes 30 de mayo por el feriado del Día de los Caídos. El horario de la basura navideña será el siguiente:

Martes 31 de mayo: Recolección de basura en toda la ciudad

Miércoles 1 de junio: Reciclaje en toda la ciudad

Jueves, 2 de junio: Desechos de jardín en toda la ciudad

Viernes, 3 de junio: Recolección de basura en toda la ciudad

Consejos para el embellecimiento del jardín:

El 1 de mayo generalmente se considera la "fecha libre de heladas" de nuestras áreas para la siembra de flores de verano. Esto significa que puede comenzar a plantar flores de verano y otras plantas tiernas que no pueden soportar temperaturas bajo cero. Recuerde que las plantas nativas y las perennes están adaptadas a las temperaturas bajo cero, por lo que pueden plantarse antes, pero consulte las instrucciones de plantación de las variedades específicas que pretende plantar.

Recuerde que hay un "derecho de paso público", aproximadamente a 10 pies desde la acera hasta el patio de los residentes. Si tiene la intención de plantar árboles en esta zona, comuníquese con Obras Públicas para asegurarse de que sea un árbol permitido para el derecho de paso. Cuando plante árboles en cualquier lugar de su jardín (ya sea que esté en el derecho de paso o no), recuerde considerar qué tan grande será el árbol si tiene líneas eléctricas cerca.

Al plantar el "árbol correcto, en el lugar correcto", puede evitar poner árboles que crecerán demasiado en una situación en la que Pepco deba podarlos con un estilo estético menos que ideal más adelante, cuando alcancen la madurez. Algunos árboles más pequeños que son compatibles con los cables de servicios públicos incluyen cerezas, manzanos silvestres, ciruelas de hoja morada, cornejos y capullos rojos. Si no hay cables, los grandes árboles de sombra ofrecen grandes beneficios y se recomienda que proporcionen un enfriamiento natural en el verano (y ahorros en el aire acondicionado), así como también muchos beneficios ambientales. O puede querer un árbol de hoja perenne para ofrecer privacidad.

Independientemente del tipo de plantación que elija, el paisajismo puede embellecer su propiedad y la comunidad, servir para muchos propósitos funcionales, aumentar el valor de su vivienda y mejorar el medio ambiente.

## Worksession Minutes :DRAFT March 7, 2022 | 7:00 pm

#### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell, Councilmember Ethan Sweep, Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Also present were Danielle Barnard and Jatnna Gomez from the University of Maryland SAFE Center. The meeting was also attended by several residents of the community. Announcements

Mayor Dewey opened the meeting with the announcement that the County has lifted the mask mandate indoors. She reminded everyone that businesses are able to set their own rules and asked that people be respectful of the decisions of others in regard to mask wearing. She also updated on the status of the County Redistricting map appeal. The Maryland State Court of Appeals upheld the ruling of the lower court which overturned the County Council's Redistricting Map and reinstated the map that was proposed by the Redistricting Commission.

#### Approval of Agenda

CM Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda, CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### **UMD Safe Center**

Danielle Barnard and Jatnna Gomez from the UMD SAFE center presented on the mission and services of the organization. The Center provides specialized services around human trafficking including trauma-informed services for all survivors. The bilingual services are free to all survivors. Through a multidisciplinary approach, they provide trauma therapy, human trafficking prevention services, survivor support groups, comprehensive legal services, advocacy, economic empowerment, workforce development, assistance in applying for school, scholarships, industry training, transitional housing, and partner with AmeriCorps Vista. After the presentation, Mayor Dewey asked if Ms. Barnard and Ms. Gomez could provide background context on human trafficking in our area. They replied that human trafficking intersects with other power-based violence, and by definition includes force, fraud, and coercion. CM Sweep asked if human trafficking is something that could be identified in the community. Ms. Gomez explained that his question is really answered best by another presentation that they bring to communities called Human Trafficking 101 and that providing a short answer would give incomplete information that could do more harm than good. CM Sweep asked how clients are referred to the center. Ms. Gomez shared that they get referrals from a number of sources including attorneys, law enforcement, non-profits, and others. The SAFE center aims to be lowbarrier program to reach as many people as possible. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about how

the SAFE center aims to partner with Berwyn Heights. Ms. Gomez explained that it really depends on the Town's infrastructure. They could be involved with National Night Out, PTA groups, etc., as they aim to tailor outreach to the community. Resident Meg Miller asked how long the Center has been in existence. Ms. Gomez stated it had been 6 years, but the founder has 20 years of experience working with trafficking victims. Ms. Miller asked if there has been an uptick in trafficking during the pandemic. Ms. Gomez replied that there has been an increase in internet-based trafficking. Resident Mike Attick asked how many people percentagewise in the county are involved in trafficking. Ms. Gomez explained that this is what the taskforces are trying to find out, that trafficking is a covert crime and can only be based on people who come forward. CM Brittan-Powell asked if there are prevention programs for people during transitional times in their lives. Ms. Gomez stated that yes, there are programs, for example, keeping youth busy during the summers to reduce vulnerabilities.

#### HB 1083 Letter of Support-

Mayor Dewey explained this letter of support is identical to the letter of support for SB376 that the Council supported in February. This is the same bill, but for the House version of the bill at the request of the bill's sponsor. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the previous letter, which was approved at the February 9, 2022 Town Meeting but could not be located on the agenda from that meeting. Clerk Friesen replied that was due to the agenda being amended and the letter added that evening. It was stated the SB376 letter of support will be added to the amended February Town Meeting agenda. Consensus was to send the letter of support for HB1083 as well.

#### Project Rubric-CM Papanikolas

Mayor Dewey invited CM Papanikolas to discuss the rubric he created. CM Papanikolas explained that this would be used for the AP-RA projects, if approved, as a way to score grant applications. It would provide structure for people who would be submitting the proposals to us, as well as providing a structure to evaluate the applications and increase transparency in decision making. He pointed out that there are no values currently assigned to the subject areas. Mayor Dewey asked how he views the process working. CM Papanikolas replied that he would presume that we had solicited for proposals in the past. TM Allen clarified that in some instances you'd like to solicit for RFQ (requests for qualifications) such as mental health providers where there are numerous providers. Mayor Dewey asked who would be evaluating the proposals. CM Papanikolas stated that some of the Council members would likely be assigned to evaluate proposals. CM Brittan-Powell asked about how Community Support, one of the subject areas, would be evaluated. CM Papanikolas stated that in other rubrics he has seen, "community support" isn't a subjective evaluation, rather a checkbox to show the application contains letters of support. Mayor Dewey expressed concern that having just one or two people review proposals could result in skewed scoring. Options to alleviate the potential issues were discussed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if this rubric was aimed only at ARPA projects. CM Papanikolas said yes, that this would not apply to other grants that the Town is asked for. Mayor Dewey stated that she's trying to understand the action plan. CM Papanikolas suggested that the rubric could be turned into an application form. CM Brittan-Powell asked if approved projects would be provided a feedback site where residents of the community will be able to give feedback before moving forward. CM Papanikolas stated that he did not envision a site like that as part of this process. CM Sweep stated that he would not like to have CM Papanikolas attempt to create a grading scale. Mayor Dewey stated that she also would not like to have it weighted. CM Papanikolas had no position on a grading scale; that was a Council decision. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked CM Papanikolas for a deadline by when he'd like to receive comments and specific questions about language in the rubric. Resident Mike Attick asked about why these haven't been publicized. Mayor Dewey shared that the project and process have been made public and are part of the public agenda packet every time ARPA funding is discussed in meetings.

#### **ARPA Project Discussion**

Mayor Dewey opened discussion. CM Brittan-Powell asked how dollar amounts were allocated. TM Allen explained that dollar amounts that are written in green are suggested dollar amounts that staff thought Council might want to adjust based on their preference. Dollar amounts that are in black are amounts that have been researched and have hard numbers to back up the amount listed. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed a desire to prioritize emergency assistance for residents now and preserve the remainder for a major project that would combine the Police Department and Town Hall into a single building. She also expressed that she believes hiring a public health expert would cost more than the \$15k allocated in this draft. There was Council discussion about the idea of a building project. Mayor Dewey expressed concern over the timeline of such a large project. CM Sweep pointed out that there appear to be four grant-type items on the list. He suggested that the Council focus on those while gathering more information on the potential building project. TM Allen encouraged the Council to include premium pay to staff as part of the more immediate needs. Ultimately, Council made 3 lists for the projects, categorizing them for immediate response, for Fiscal Year 2023, and for further study. Resident Meg Miller asked for clarification on what fiscal year it is and stated her support for grant and direct resident support in this fiscal year, with other items falling in FY23 and for the building project to be in further study. CM Sweep asked about addressing educational issues. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed a desire to wait to see how

Prince George's County Public Schools spends their ARPA funds. Council had a discussion on executive training. They decided to move that item to the general fund. They further discussed mental health training for police officers. They addressed stormwater management, including that the engineer hired would be required to provide free or discounted support to residents. Ms. Miller asked if the Town would need to work with the County on water projects for the permitting process. The Council discussed grant related items and if there would be a requirement to have non-profits spend the grant money on programs that would only be operated in Berwyn Heights, or if the grant money could be spent on programs that had Berwyn Heights in their support area but included other communities in their service area. There was discussion about reducing the amount of suggested funding for FY22. Council decided to allocate \$25k to project A1, \$60k for B2, \$25k for B3, \$50k for C1 in FY22, with \$175k for D1 in FY23, with F1-3and 5,6 at the suggested amounts also in FY23. They identified project D4 as needing further study and to review in FY23. Resident Mike Attick stated his concern that starting a stormwater project in FY23 would mean that the project runs out of time before the ARPA deadlines. He asked about other properties for the Town Hall/Police department project, stating that the current location can't survive another remodel.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Dewey reported on several upcoming meetings, including the Town Meeting on March 9, the Rec Council meeting that will be a hybrid meeting on the 8th, the virtual Green Team meeting, and an upcoming Green Team event that will be in person on Saturday. PGCMA will be meeting on Thursday. She also reported that as part of the MML Legislative Committee, there are no new bills of interest being introduced. She reported that they are still monitoring many bills. She stated that it does not look like the Police Accountability Board bill, which would allow for municipalities to convene their own accountability boards, will likely be going anywhere, but that the Highway User Revenue changes look positive as do the bills for the streetlight changes and constant yield tax rate. She also encouraged youth to look into the Summer Youth Enrichment Program for summer job training and job placement. Application deadline is March 31. She highlighted that the State Youth Advisory Board is accepting applications for a two year term. Finally, she reported that Pepco is offering additional rebates for those who are recycling old refrigerators and freezers, with a \$75 refund.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that there are a number of scholarships, summer camps and other activities being offered in the County and that details will be shared as an announcement on the website. She also mentioned a WSSC "Protect Our Source" art contest for High Schoolers. The deadline is March 18. Lastly, she reported on the Maryland Public Schools Multi-year strategic plan survey and that it is open to all, regardless

of their status with schools.

**CM Papanikolas** stated there have been several calls about roosters in Town. He reviewed those roosters are forbidden in residential areas of Prince George's County. In Berwyn Heights, the Town has several ordinances that deal with this, including Ordinance 101 pertaining to nuisance animals.

**CM Brittan-Powell** shared that he will give a full update during the Wednesday Town Meeting.

**CM Sweep** stated that there are no changes to the trash schedule this month. He responded to a question from CM Brittan-Powell and stated that there are no Spring leaf pickups. He also responded to MPT Kulpa-Eddy about the Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan, stating that the next meeting is March 23.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

Resident Mike Attick asked about the staffing levels in Public Works. TM Allen replied that they are looking for two full time employees.

#### Adjournment

CM Brittan-Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:44PM

#### Town Meeting March 9, 2022 7:00PM: DRAFT Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the Town Meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, and Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell. Councilmember Ethan Sweep joined the meeting virtually. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen and Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Several residents were present for the meeting as well.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Dewey opened the meeting with the announcement that the County Covid Emergency Declaration has expired. The Town's emergency order was tied to the County's emergency declaration and so the Town's emergency order has also expired. She asked for a moment of silence to remember all those in Town and the surrounding areas that have been lost due to COVID-19.

#### Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Mayor Dewey read the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and declared March 9, 2022, Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day to support pollinators.

#### Approval of Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Consent

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked a question about a

missing attachment to the February 7, 2022 minutes. When the attachment was included during the meeting, MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the consent agenda. CM Papanikolas seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Mayor and Council Reports**

Mayor Dewey shared that the Green Team will be meeting the next day. She shared that the ivy removal demonstration will likely be rescheduled to the following weekend due to predicted bad weather. She encouraged residents to get involved with Berwyn Heights Day planning as they are able. She shared about the upcoming Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting on Thursday, March 17. She also shared about the MML Legislative Priorities Committee and that they are closely following the Highway User Revenue bill. She shared that TM Allen represented the Town at the hearing in Annapolis. She mentioned applications for the Summer Youth Enrichment Program for County youth ages 14-22, are due by the end of the month. She shared that if residents have an after-hours non-emergency (such as a noise violation) that they would like to have a Berwyn Heights Police Officer respond to, they need to call the Prince George's County non-emergency number and request a BHPD officer be dispatched. The non-emergency number is (301) 352-1200. She also reminded everyone of the time change coming up over the weekend.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy stated that masks are still required on public transportation and in PGCPS schools. She shared that County CM Glaros is having a resource fair and Town Hall on Monday, March 21 at Solid Rock Church on Good Luck road. It will be held in a hybrid format, so that people can attend either in person or virtually. She reported applications are being accepted for the student member for the Prince George's County School Board. The position is open to current Sophomores and Juniors. She shared about the TAG program lottery closing on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information on both of these items can be found at www.PGCPS.org. She gave an update on the Paint Branch Golf Course and how it will be evaluated for improvements. Residents can sign up to be a part of that discussion on Tuesday March 15 by registering at pgparks.com/rsvp.

CM Papanikolas shared that this is the third month in a row where there have been no permit violations. He reviewed external property violation protocols and how Code will work with residents to help resolve these issues. He reviewed that violations of imminent threat have 24 hours to be resolved, and that hazardous conditions should be generally addressed within 7 days. He shared about the recent issue with chickens in town and how Code Compliance worked to get it resolved.

CM Brittan-Powell shared that Administration has been working on ARPA funding on top of the annual budget process and the daily work of the Town.

CM Sweep shared that March has no major holidays or changes to the trash schedule, and that yard waste can be collected in bags or a yard waste bin on your regular trash day, either Monday or Tuesday. He shared that the timer on the flashing light near the school has been repaired. CM Brittan-Powell asked about Town beautification. CM Sweep shared that there are plans in place and projects have already begun.

#### **Committee Reports**

Education Advisory Committee: MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that their next meeting will be March 28 at 7PM and it will be a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual). They will be reviewing second round of applications for the Educational Grant, as well as addressing impact of potential school boundary changes for Berwyn Heights Elementary School. In addition, they are looking for creative ideas to celebrate education on Berwyn Heights Day.

Green Team: Mayor Dewey shared that the Green Team has been planning for the ivy clean-up event, which while still scheduled for the 12th will likely be rescheduled to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Residents will be able to get help on their own property as well. She also shared that Senator Pinksy stated the Sustainable Maryland funding bill had been passed through committee. She also touched on the Route 1 Green Team summit. MPT Kulpa-Eddy mentioned during the February meeting they discussed Berwyn Heights Day activities, including a pollinator event and making seed bombs. The Community Garden plots are first come/ first served while they last and garden members shared praise for Public Works and their help delivering the compost.

Historical Committee: Ms. Debby Steele-Snyder reported the committee's next meeting will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, in person, at 7:30 pm in the G. Love room. They will be putting together plans for Berwyn Heights Day, including participating in the parade. They will have a display and will have wine glasses for sale for \$7. They are continuing to expand the historical houses walking tour and are working on a brochure for historical preservation grants.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: Mayor Dewey shared the committee last met a week ago, virtually. Much of the time was spent meeting with the Police Department, as well as working on the design for the decal for the trailer. The Committee is always looking for new members and discussed digitally recruiting new members. They also discussed the bank account in light of the discussion with the auditor. MPT Kulpa-Eddy added they reviewed activities for Berwyn Heights Day as well as an in-person event for National Night Out in August.

Recreation Council: Ms. Susan Jones shared that on Saturday, March 12 at 5PM in the Senior Center there will be a potluck party, held jointly with the Senior's Club. On April 9, there will be a regifting party for adults only. Location will be dependent on the weather. At

Berwyn Heights Day this year the pancake breakfast will be free, served by Town Council and cooked by CM Brittan-Powell. The Fun Run will start at 8:30AM. The Senior's Club Bake Sale will be indoors. Craft sales and other vendors will be available from 11-4 with a parade at noon. There will be music. If you'd like to be in the parade or participate, contact Susan Jones. The next meeting will be April 5 at 7PM in the Love Room.

#### **Old Business**

ARPA project approval: Mayor Dewey reviewed the history of how we got where we are now. Some of the projects are being allocated for FY 22, with additional funds proposed for FY 23. She also reviewed the list of the projects that are being prioritized and are outlined in the packet including emergency assistance to residents and support for local nonprofits, providing educational growth through grant support, reducing flooding/ stormwater with a stormwater engineering analysis, and support for Employee Health and Safety. TM Allen clarified that what Council is approving in this session are the projects, not the budget allocation to those projects. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed thanks for the reworked spreadsheet. CM Brittan-Powell stated that the projects are still open to community input. Mayor Dewey agreed, stating she hopes residents will give support by talking to the non-profits that they work with and to their neighbors who need support. CM Brittan-Powell expressed that some residents are stating the funds are being spent frivolously. Mayor Dewey replied the Council has spent considerable time on this over the year, with it being addressed at almost every meeting. CM Sweep moved to approve the ARPA project list. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion, Mayor Dewey thanked everyone who has proved feedback. CM Papanikolas pointed out that this project list will be only about half a million dollars if everything is spent, leaving plenty of room for more projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 3-2022 Council Rule 1 (One): There was an issue in TC Friesen receiving the corrected version of Council Rule 1. Mayor Dewey stated that she'd like to have the document available to everyone before voting on it. CM Papanikolas moved to table the resolution. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4-2022 Debt Policy: This revised debt policy updates the 2011 debt policy. Council had reviewed changes at the February 24<sup>th</sup> worksession. TM Allen explained that it is best practice to periodically review policies and this is the outcome of that review and the proposed changes by the Council. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the Resolution 4-2022. CM Papanikolas seconded. During discussion it was confirmed that the Town is able to engage with other State Agencies to issue debt. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 5-2022 Reserve Policy: Mayor Dewey reviewed that the Town did not have a formally adopted reserve policy. TM Allen stated that it is a key policy every municipality should have and encouraged the Council to adopt the policy. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve Resolution 5-2022. CM Sweep seconded. During discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the word "other" in the section entitled "Use, Transfer, and Replenishment of Fund Balance", suggesting that it was unnecessary. MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to amend Resolution 5-2022 striking the word "other". CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no further discussion, the motion to amend the resolution passed unanimously. The motion to approve the amended resolution passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Town Clerk exempt status: Mayor Dewey informed that previously the Town Clerk position was a part-time position and was exempt. She explained this has presented some challenges for the Town as the clerk position is now full-time, and the Town Clerk is currently required to flex hours during a specific time period to manage the work hours accordingly. It is proposed to make the position "non-exempt". CM Brittan-Powell asked for clarification on the change. Mayor Dewey explained that the change would make the Clerk position eligible for overtime or compensatory leave. CM Brittan -Powell moved to change the status of the Town Clerk position to non-exempt. CM Papanikolas seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification, because her experience led her to understand that exempt employees could earn overtime. TM Allen explained that Town policies do not allow for overtime or compensatory leave to be earned by exempt employees. She further explained that the Council approves the job descriptions, and as the exempt/nonexempt status is part of the job description, any change requires Council approval. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 6-2022 401(k) Plan Closure: Mayor Dewey explained that in 1990 the Town established a 401K retirement plan that has not been contributed to since 2008 when the Town joined the State Retirement System. The Town did not take the steps at that time to close the plan. The proposal to close the plan has been run by the few employees still around from that time. TM Allen explained there are \$70,000 in forfeited assets that are still in the plan. This money has been re-programed into the budget to address inflation concerns and directly benefit employees. CM Papanikolas clarified that this in not employee money, but rather Town match money that was never disbursed. CM Sweep moved to approve Resolution 6-2022. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. CM Sweep thanked TM Allen for bringing this item to Council's attention and for doing all the work surrounding the closure. After no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

Meg Miller expressed that she had concerns about the inflation issue for employees and that she is grateful to see the funds being used to ease some of those concerns. CM Papanikolas also expressed his concern about the impact of inflation on Town employees.

#### Adjournment

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to adjourn the meeting. CM Brittan-Powell seconded. After no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

## Worksession Minutes March 21 2022 | 7:00 pm DRAFT

#### Call to Order

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7PM. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Jason Papanikolas, Councilmember Ethan Sweep and Councilmember Chris Brittan-Powell. Also present were Town Manager Laura Allen, Town Clerk Melanie Friesen, and residents.

#### **Announcements**

Mayor Dewey shared that there are still athome Covid tests at the Berwyn Heights Police Department.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared that Mary Lou Milstead, a longtime resident of Berwyn Heights, has passed away and shared the viewing and services arrangements.

#### Approval of Agenda

CM Brittan-Powell moved to approve the agenda. CM Sweep seconded. Discussion included asking CM Papanikolas if he had an item to add to the agenda. He stated it could be addressed as a budget item. After no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items**

## Draft General Fund, Public Safety Taxing District, and ARPA Budget

Mayor Dewey provided background on the items, including that the General Fund budget was reviewed on February 9, but has updates for insurance costs, highway user revenue, and executive coaching. She continued that this is the first look at the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget and the ARPA budget for projects approved by the Council on March 9. TM Allen reviewed that budget amendments for 2022 will be up for approval in May. She further reviewed components of the PSTD and that the PSTD budget has been reviewed by Chief Antolik. CM Brittan-

Powell expressed thanks to TM Allen for her work and skill set. CM Papanikolas expressed appreciation for the Staff report. Mayor Dewey asked to focus on the PSTD budget first. TM Allen explained that the Commercial District Management Authority meeting is being coordinated by Code Compliance and will happen in April. She stated that the purpose of the PSTD is to cover the salary and all associated needs for one police officer. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if it was possible to cover the costs of a less expensive officer than Det. Krouse. She also asked how much would need to be set aside for a vehicle, as this is not covered by the PSTD budget. TM Allen replied that a new police vehicle costs between \$50-55,000. CM Brittan-Powell asked if the pandemic had any impact on revenue from the PSTD. TM Allen replied that she does not believe the pandemic had any effect on the revenue. Council had a discussion about possible reasons for the revenue changes. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what kind of tax increase would be required to address the cost of the police vehicle. TM Allen replied that she would need to do the calculations.

Council moved to discussing the ARPA budget. TM Allen shared that no account numbers have been assigned and that there are no specific codes beyond the revenue loss code that will be required by Treasury. CM Papanikolas shared that some Councilmembers have been in touch with staff at Berwyn Heights Elementary School and due to budgetary constraints at the school they are unable to buy some needed technology for classrooms. The "visualizers" are about \$500-\$600 a unit and the school would need between 10-15 units. He asked if the Council would consider funding a one-time purchase either through the ARPA or General Fund budgets. CM Brittan-Powell stated that his understanding is that the school needs these right away. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said there is money in the ARPA budget to address education loss and that the PTA could make a grant request to cover the cost of the units. TM Allen explained the budget amendment process makes it so that the Council wouldn't have access to the money until the end of May. Budget amendments must be adopted by ordinance, which means first and second readings, plus 20 days before it becomes effective. Mayor Dewey suggested amending the 2022 APRA budget in this line item by \$25,000 to have more available to other schools attended by Berwyn Heights students. Council continued discussion on the amounts allocated for the fiscal year to address education loss. Council determined to keep \$50,000 in FY22 but increase FY23 to \$75.000.

CM Brittan-Powell asked about the stormwater engineering project, stating he thought it was a FY22 project. TM Allen explained that it will need to go out for RFQ so there would not be time in FY 22 to have that completed. CM BrittanPowell asked about continuing funding for the emergency resident relief in FY 23. After fund discussion, Council agreed to keep the dollar amount allocated to that item to \$60,000 but to allocated \$20,000 for FY22 and \$40,000 to FY23.

TM Allen explained that there have been some changes since the last presentation in terminology around "premium pay", changing it to "retention pay" and so Council should be prepared for that.

Council moved to discuss the General Fund budget. TM Allen explained the changes between the last presentation of the budget and this one. She explained that the employee health insurance costs did not go up as much as anticipated and that savings has been programed into executive coaching and team building. She further explained that the State decreased the Highway User Revenue by about \$2000 and that the Treasurer has refined his calculations on the Roadway Set-Aside which resulted in an additional \$7000.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked which roads are slated to be repaired next year.. TM Allen replied that the Council has generally found out about what roads need to be worked on toward the end of the process. CM Sweep stated that the Roadway Condition Report has been very helpful in figuring out what needs to be worked on. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that she wondered about reducing this line item in order to maintain a constant yield tax rate. TM Allen replied that she would be able to provide a more detailed report on roads at the April 4 Worksession.

CM Brittan-Powell asked about restoring funding to some of the items that had been cut. There was extensive discussion regarding block parties, including possible ways to fund and make such a program work. Residents Angie Wolfinger and David Wolfinger provided feedback to the Council discussion.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy raised questions about several small items, including a request to fix the floor in the kitchen and replace the chairs in the Senior Center. CM Brittan-Powell asked about a community bulletin board in the Town Hall parking area as well as entrance signs to Town. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about the amount of money allocated to temporary services in Public Works. TM Allen expressed concern about taking money from a department that hasn't been fully staffed in a number of years. CM Sweep explained that core services are getting done, but that without temporary staff other services such as beautification are not regularly addressed. Discussion resulted in reducing the line item by \$15,000 that would leave \$30,000 in the line item, and still maintain full staffing salaries. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about tipping fees, as a recent webinar indicated an increase was being implemented by the County. MPT Kulpa-Eddy discussed a number of PRECA

items, including increasing the Rec Council line item by \$5,000. Resident Angie Wolfinger asked if there was a way for the Rec Council to have direct access to the funds. TM Allen expressed that the Town is in discussion with the Rec Council president about that. There was discussion about increasing the amount of the grant for the Boys and Girls Club and the structure and requirements for that increase. CM Brittan-Powell expressed a desire to increase the number of trash cans around town as well as curtailing road litter to avoid such trash entering the woods at the end of Osage Street. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked questions about the health insurance costs as well. CM Brittan-Powell asked about the dog park plans. CM Sweep shared that the County would be the entity building a dog park and we are on the list.

#### **Draft Communications Policy**

Mayor Dewey introduced the item by stating that this is the last item on the Council priorities list. TM Allen shared that this policy is based on policies from other communities but addresses communication broadly and touches on social media. She further explained that it gives users agency without micromanaging, but still gives constraints. CM Sweep asked who the users are in the policy. TM Allen stated that the definitions are at the back of the policy and could be moved to the front. CM Sweep asked for a list of staff who are users. There was discussion about how staff post community organization information. There was further discussion about community organizations who use their social media and post information contradictory to a Council statement. CM Sweep suggested an update to the Town Organization Policy that includes a disclaimer they don't necessarily represent Town views. TM Allen stated that the Town Organization Policy makes the organizations extensions of the Town. There was considerable discussion about Town Organizations and their use of social media. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked why the Organizations need their own pages. Mayor Dewey stated it was because those Organizations are using their pages for education. TM Allen will take Council questions to the Town attorney. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about Section 2.H. and whether businesses could sponsor Town events. Council discussed a comment policy for social media pages, including if the pages should accept comments. TC Friesen expressed concerns about removing comments until a Town Policy had been created and posted on the Town social media pages.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Dewey reported on the Covid front that there are low case rates and in response to that, the County is phasing out some of their vaccine and testing sites. She recommends checking the County website at mypgc.us to look for sites if you need them. She also shared that the

Council has been invited to join the Greenbelt City Council meeting at 8pm on March  $23^{rd}$  to discuss the Greenbelt Road Corridor. She shared about the MML Young Municipal Leaders advisory meeting on March 24, that the BHEAC will be holding a hybrid meeting on the  $28^{th}$  and that the Historical Committee will be meeting in person on the  $23^{rd}$ . She thanked everyone who came out for the ivy clean up demonstration and asked residents to reach out to the Green Team if they want to be more involved. She also shared about the MML "If I were Mayor" contest for  $4^{th}$  graders.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared about attending the Municipalities in the Know webinars presented by the County's Department of the Environment, where they are updating the raincheck rebate program, enforcing illegal dumping, conducting a flooding study, and initiating a stormwater stewardship grant program. She also attended the PGCMA meeting on March 17 and members will be asked to vote on bylaws and a policy on the use of the PGCMA logo. She attended the resource fair by County Councilmember Glaros, where lots of good information was shared. She reported that Pops Park is being worked on and shared that Parkdale High School is accepting donations to repair a shed that was vandalized and burned.

**CM Papanikolas** shared that there was an ugly incident directed at Code Compliance staff. He encouraged residents to reach out to their Councilmembers if they have issues, but to not engage staff by yelling.

**CM Brittan-Powell** stated that the whole worksession has essentially been a focus on the work of the Administration department. He reiterated his thanks to TM Allen for her financial expertise and thanked TC Friesen for her work on the Town website.

CM Sweep shared that there are no updates to the trash schedule in March. He updated that the street sweeper schedule posted in the bulletin was incorrect, and that the street sweeper will not be in Town during March but rather will be here beginning April 4. He shared about the Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan meeting and that the link is posted on the Town website. He also shared that he had applied to be a member of the "Public Leaders for Inclusion Council" and he has been accepted. It's a 6-month program addressing bigotry against Muslims and those perceived as Muslims. Mayor Dewey stated that she feels the street sweeper isn't coming as often and asked staff to check on the schedule. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed her concerns that the timing may make it difficult for the street sweeper to return before Berwyn Heights Day, when it traditionally comes.

#### **Resident & Community Comments**

There were no resident or community comments.

#### Adjournment

CM Sweep moved to adjourn the meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy seconded. After no dis-

cussion the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:57PM.





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Election Day:
May 3, 2022
7AM-7PM
Berwyn Heights
Senior Center
8603 57th Ave



## Residential Property Tax Credit Program

Berwyn Heights resident homeowners who have applied and received the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit are eligible to receive up to a 10% credit on the town real property tax on their residence. The program has both residency and income eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible for the Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit Program, homeowners must submit an original completed Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit application along with a copy of both their application and approval from the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit program. A link to the State of Maryland's Homeowners Tax Credit program can be found here. A link to the application for the Berwyn Heights Residential Property Tax Credit Program can be found here.

## Programa de crédito fiscal a la propiedad residencial

Los propietarios de viviendas residentes de Berwyn Heights que hayan solicitado y recibido el Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad para Propietarios del Estado de Maryland son elegibles para recibir hasta un 10% de crédito sobre el impuesto a la propiedad inmueble de la ciudad sobre su residencia. El programa tiene criterios de elegibilidad tanto de residencia como de ingresos. Para ser elegible para el Programa de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights, los propietarios deben presentar una solicitud de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights original completa junto con una copia de su solicitud y la aprobación del programa de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad para Propietarios del Estado de Maryland. Puede encontrar un enlace al programa de crédito fiscal para propietarios de viviendas del estado de Maryland aquí. Puede encontrar un enlace a la solicitud delPrograma de Crédito Tributario a la Propiedad Residencial de Berwyn Heights aquí.

# SAVE THE DATE! TOWN WIDE YARD SALE JUNE 18, 2022-8AM



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Berwyn Heights is accepting applications for the position of PART-TIME Administrative Assistant in our Public Works department. Berwyn Heights is a quiet residential community of 3,100 residents located in northern Prince George's County.

This is a part-time position supervised by the Director of Public Works. Key responsibilities for this position include answering calls, emails and retrieving messages for the department and directing requests to the appropriate personal. The Admin Assistant will also maintain the calendar, schedule appointments, respond to invitations, assist with interviews, and maintain the filing system for various records and files.

The starting salary for this position is \$35,210.84. Applicants selected for employment will be required to consent to a background investigation and pre-employment screenings.

Interested applicants should apply electronically, by sending a town application, cover letter and resume with references, to hr@berwynheightsmd.gov. Candidates will be considered as they apply. The posting will remain open until filled.

The complete job description is available on our website at www.berwynheightsmd.gov.

#### Advertising Rates for the Berwyn Heights Bulletin

	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT					
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<u>e</u>	1 Month	\$30.00	\$36.00					
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Paid Advertisement	12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00					
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	1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00					
<u>6</u>	6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00					
	12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00					
		FULL PAGE						
	1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00					
	6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00					
	12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00					







Our soccer and track teams are well into their spring season. Registration for fall will begin in June.

Nuestros equipos de fútbol y atletismo están bien entrados en su temporada de primavera. La inscripción para el otoño comenzará en junio.

# Please make sure to visit us at Berwyn Heights Day! We will be selling snacks and running the Beer Truck.

¡Asegúrese de visitarnos en el día de Berwyn Heights! Estaremos vendiendo bocadillos y manejando el Beer Truck.

# Please bring gently used cleats, shin guards, balls, or other soccer equipment to donate at BH Day and receive a free snack!

¡Por favor traiga tacos, espinilleras, pelotas u otro equipo de fútbol usado en buen estado para donar en el Día de BH y recibir un refrigerio gratis!

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer?

Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org.

Follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/berwynheightsbgc



www.berwynheightsbgc.org

#### FISCAL YEAR 2023 Proposed General Fund and ARPA Budget

Dear Town Council, Residents, and Business Owners,

Each year the Town prepares an operating and capital budget for the coming fiscal year. As part of that process, the Council engages the community to determine what concerns they have so a funding plan could be developed to address them. For the preparation of the FY 2023 Budget, the engagement efforts focused primarily on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funding. Based on survey responses and feedback from community meetings, the Council developed ARPA goals and identified projects to meet them.

#### Fiscal Impact

Ordinance 185 appropriates the General Fund and ARPA Fund for a total of \$4.2 million. The Tax Rate remains unchanged.

The General Fund is balanced at \$3.8 million which is 9.9% less than the expenses associated with the FY 2022 Adopted Budget. The reduction is primarily due to one-time expenses incurred in FY 2022 such as the Bond Bill funded Town Center projects (\$205,000) and replacement vehicles for Public Works. A transfer of \$37,500 from General Fund (GF) reserves is included for the balance of the Manns Architecture contract. This is the smallest GF transfer in the past several years.

ARPA funds are appropriated at \$405,600 based on Council's direction. Ordinance 185 includes a transfer of \$120,550 to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund.

Other budget highlights include:

Road repairs - \$244,000

This would include repaving, and related curb, gutter and if feasible, sidewalk improvements. The Public Works Director is updating the street condition list to reflect the work completed in FY 2022 and will focus on the streets most in need of repair.

Police Vehicle - \$59,000

A replacement hybrid vehicle for the Police Chief.

Public Works Vehicle - \$80,000

This would replace truck #5 with a Ford F350 Dump Truck with a lift. The department relies on this vehicle to lift heavy items so our crew members can stay safe.

New AV Equipment – the Proposed Budget includes \$108,300 which is the balance of the cable account to help pay for new equipment to broadcast Council meetings and other events.

COLA and Merit Adjustments for Town Employees - A 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a 1% merit increase for all employees has been included in the Proposed Budget at a cost of \$44,000.

Based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website, the Consumer Price Index for the Washington/Baltimore area increased by 8% in the past year which is the largest increase since November 1981. While the Town cannot afford to permanently increase the salary budget by 8% to account for the increase in the cost of living, the Council can consider funding a one-time payment to employees to help mitigate this extraordinary increase in the cost of living. The forfeited assets funding from the closure of the 401(k) Plan has been included in the Proposed FY 2023 Budget for that purpose.

In addition, the Council has allocated \$50,000 in ARPA funds to provide premium pay/retention incentives to employees (except the Town Manager) in a manner consistent with this law.

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TOTAL - LICENSES & PERMITS	\$139,675	•	\$137,672					(\$9,200)
TOTAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$167,616	\$200,571	\$200,193	\$398,719				(\$193,819)
TOTAL: SERVICE CHARGES	\$186	\$100	\$0	\$100		\$100		\$0 \$0
TOTAL: FINES & FORFEITURES	\$86,813	\$60,000	\$131,280	\$60,000		\$105,000		
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$88,201	\$62,900	\$271,008	\$47,900	\$19,842	\$105,700	120.67%	\$57,800
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TOTAL: MAYOR and COUNCIL	\$19,571	\$30,100	\$16,632	\$27,100	\$12,216	\$30,100	11.07%	\$3,000
TOTAL: ADMINISTRATION	\$397,393	\$435,700		\$410,700				<del></del>
TOTAL: MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$22,447	\$17,000	\$8,953	\$21,500			-33.02%	
TOTAL: TOWN CENTER	\$37,321	\$35,070	\$18,099	\$29,330		\$27,000		<del></del>
TOTAL: GENERAL GOVERNMENT	_	\$517,870	\$471,677	\$488,630				
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TOTAL: POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$777,345	\$845,400	\$894,387	\$863,900	\$404,425	\$890,200	1.89%	\$16,300
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY MISC.	\$11,661	\$13,900	\$10,946	\$13,900		\$13,900		
TOTAL: PUBLIC SAFETY	\$789,006		\$905,333	\$13,300				
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TOTAL: CODE COMPLIANCE	\$136,031	\$180,900	\$173,293	\$187,400	\$89,446	\$190,100	-0.16%	(\$300)
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TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	\$13,863	\$35,225	\$16,400	\$36,100	\$5,522	\$25 500	-29.36%	(\$10,600)
TOTAL: STREET & SANITATION	\$582,304	\$714,000	\$537,791	\$766,100				
TOTAL: STREET LIGHTING	\$37,986	\$39,200	\$40,149	\$39,200				
TOTAL: PUBLIC WORKS	\$634,153		\$594,340	\$841,400				
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TOTAL: PARKS & RECREATION	\$21,487	\$34,450	\$4,718	\$34,450	\$12,222	\$40,150	16.55%	\$5,700
TOTAL: CABLE	\$27,686	\$80,882	\$23,679	\$80,674		\$26,200		
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS	\$418,225	\$562,941	\$559,489	\$586,725		\$719,615		
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REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES								
= Net Total	\$146,403	\$0	\$764,701	\$0	\$222,292	\$0		

## Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Public Safety Taxing District Budget

The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD), created under the authority granted by the State of Maryland to enhance public safety, encompasses the commercial and industrial properties in the commercial district defined in Ordinance 123.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Height Police Department with resources to finance capital and operating costs for one Police Officer to strengthen public safety in the commercial district.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George's County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights' residents, businesses, and visitors.

The FY 2023 PSTD Proposed Budget maintains the current tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

See the table below for more information on the revenue and expenditures proposed for FY 2023.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY22 Actu- al as of	FY 2023	% Change from FY22	\$ Change from FY22
ACCOUNT NAME	Actual	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	12/2021	Proposed	to FY23	to FY23
REVENUES							T	
TAXES AND FEES	\$65,684	\$87,878	\$81,722	\$88,000	\$53,356	\$91,500	3.98%	\$3,500
EXPENDITURES:								
Personnel	\$26,386	\$70,078	\$58,301	\$70,358	\$39,075	\$79,900	13.56%	\$9,542
Expenses	\$28,864	\$80,378	\$66,158	\$80,658	\$42,836	\$85,300	5.76%	\$4,642
Benefits	\$2,269	\$7,500	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,200	3.33%	\$200
TOTAL: Police Services	\$31,133	\$87,878	\$66,158	\$86,658	\$42,836	\$91,500	5.59%	\$4,842
CAPITAL PROJECTS							T	
Trans. Dedicated to Police Vehicles		\$7,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	0.00%	\$0
TOTAL: CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	0.00%	\$7,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$31,133	\$94,878	\$66,158	\$86,658	\$42,836	\$91,500	5.59%	\$4,842
Revenue over Expenditures = Net To-								

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#### **Public Hearing Notice**

FY 2023 Budget Adoption and Tax Rate – May 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council introduced the FY 2023 Budget and opened the public hearing at its April Town Meeting. The public hearing has been continued until the Mayr Town Meeting (May 11, 2022). The Budget assumes the real property tax rate remains at \$0.545 per \$100 of assessment.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at 5700 Berwyn Road and broadcast live on BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) as well as streamed on the Town's website, <a href="www.berwynheightsmd.gov">www.berwynheightsmd.gov</a>.

Public comments will be taken during the meeting, over the telephone at 301-474-9570, and by email to Mayor Dewey at <a href="mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov">adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>.

The proposed FY 2023 budget is posted on the Town website at <a href="https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget">https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget</a>.

#### Aviso de audiencia pública

Adopción del presupuesto y tasa impositiva del año fiscal 2023: 11 de mayo de 2022, 7:00 p. m.

El Concejo Municipal presentó el Presupuesto del año fiscal 2023 y abrió la audiencia pública en su Reunión Municipal de abril. La audiencia pública ha continuado hasta la Asamblea Municipal de mayo (11 de mayo de 2022). El Presupuesto supone que la tasa del impuesto a la propiedad inmobiliaria se mantiene en \$0.545 por cada \$100 de tasación.

La reunión se llevará a cabo en la Cámara del Concejo en 5700 Berwyn Road y se transmitirá en vivo por BHTV (FiOS 12, Comcast 7) y también se transmitirá en el sitio web del Pueblo, www.berwynheightsmd.gov.

Se recibirán comentarios del público durante la reunión, por teléfono al 301-474-9570 y por correo electrónico al alcalde Dewey a <a href="mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov">adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>.

El presupuesto propuesto para el año fiscal 2023 está publicado en el sitio web de la Ciudad en <a href="https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget.">https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/budget.</a>



## **MC** Historical Committee

Berwyn Heights according to the 1950 Census:

Population: 667 Dwellings: 187

Berwyn Heights according to the 2020 Census:

Population: 3,347 Dwellings: 1,048

Find out more about Berwyn Heights and the 1950 Census visit:

https://1950census.archives.gov/search/?ed=17-

235&page=1::Census: https://1950census.archives.gov/search/?ed=17-

#### Stop by our tent on Berwyn Heights Day

Wine Basket Raffle- Must be at least 21 years of age to participate.

Limited Edition BHHC Wine Glasses for Sale (\$7 each)

Collect our New Historic Homes Magnet

Exhibits, Brochures

Help us Celebrate a Special Anniversary

See you on May 7th from 12 noon to 4 pm!

The next meeting of the BHHC is on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in the Love Room.

All other inquiries to:

dsteelesny@yahoo.c om

For more information visit our Website:

https://

berwynheightshistory.com

and on Facebook.

# Welcome Sack/ Berwyn Heights Day 2022

#### Join us for a full day of FUN Saturday, May 7th!

8:00-8:30 am Fun Run Registration at Town Center

8:30-9:30 am Fun Run from Town Center around Lake Artemesia

9:00 am-Sold Out Seniors Bake Sale at the Senior Center

9:00-11:00 am \*Pancake Breakfast Upstairs & Outside of Senior Center (\*Free)

12:00 pm Parade from BH Elementary to Sports Park

11:00-4:00 pm Festivities at Sports Park including:

*The Grand Strand*— Parade Announcement, "Citizen of the Year" Award, National Anthem, Arbor Day & Berwyn Heights Day Proclamations, and Dance Music 11am-2pm by DJ Texas Fred

**The Marketplace**—Mother's Day is right around the corner, grab a gift for mom or yourself at one of our Crafter or Vendor Tables.

**Information & Volunteer Booths**— Learn about our Town Groups & Organizations, and other Local Businesses.

Berwyn Heights Day Shirts for sale at the Rec Council Table!

Food Court— Hot Dogs, Burgers & BBQ at the Karate Club Grill;

Prepackaged Snacks & Drinks at the Boys & Girls Club Snack Bar;

Pupusas Revueltas; & More



\*Rides & Attractions— Balloon Animals & Bubble Machine by CallieOops the Clown; Kids
Games & Arm Painting; Inflatables for all ages; & Train Ride! \*Free this Year!

Live Concert—The Hall Brothers, 1pm-4pm

\*In Case of Severe Rain: Activities will be moved to the Town Center at 5700 Berwyn Road.

Stay tuned for more details on these upcoming events in next month's bulletin:

Summer Concert Series kicking off in June

Town-wide Yard Sale—Saturday, June 18th

Next Rec Council Meetings are Sunday, May 1st (4-6pm) and Tuesday, June 7th (7pm) in the G. Love Room at the Senior Center.

## Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Cost is \$10.00 per adult town resident, and \$5.00 per child 13-17 and \$2.00 12 and under. Strollers are free, \$15 for non-town residents.

All registrants receive a t-shirt designed by resident Angie Wolfinger(while supplies last)

Please make checks out to the Town of Berwyn Heights



NAME	AGE (if under 18)
PHONE	EMAIL
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I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability and safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME	DATE	
SIGNATURE		

PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 \_\_\_\_\_

# ¡AVISO COMUNITARIO! VECINOS INMIGRANTES El Censo del 2020, determinó que de Berwyn Heights

El Censo del 2020, determinó que la ciudad de Berwyn Heights, tiene:

- Población mayoritaria Hispana/ Latina (41%)
- Casi la mitad de la población habla un idioma distinto al inglés (48%),
- 1/3 de la población es nacida en el extranjero (35%),

Una diversidad de inmigrantes de América Latina, Asia (vietnamés / filipina 9%), y Negra (Afroamericanos, Antillas/Caribe y Subsahara (9%)

La coordinadora de esta iniciativa es Claudia Barragan (vive en la calle 58th St.)

Si quiere participar en el grupo de vecinos inmigrantes favor manden mensaje con su nombre completo al:

grupo de WhatsApp: (301) 458-0288

grupo de email: info@incbh.org

síganos en la página de Facebook: @ImmigrantNeighborsBH

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Claudia Barragan (301) 458-0288 o info@incbh.org

Entendiendo y considerando que las municipalidades deben reflejar la diversidad de la comunidad. Este pasado 12 de abril del 2022, el consejo comunitario aprobó el apoyo a crear una organización comunitaria para Vecinos Inmigrantes, de Berwyn Heights (Immigrant Neighbors of Berwyn Heights (INCBH).

Es un grupo comunitario de vecinos NO conectado directamente con el consejo ni la administración del gobierno, ni la policía. La visión es de crear una comunidad activa de vecinos inmigrantes en nuestro barrio. El propósito es resolver y fomentar participación significativa de los residentes etnoracialmente diversos, que conformamos la población mayoritaria.

Con el apoyo del consejo comunitario ahora podemos organizar reuniones, y establecer comunicación en NUESTROS IDIOMAS, y para el bienestar de nuestras familias.

¡Tendremos una mesa de información en el festival del Berwyn Heights Day!



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

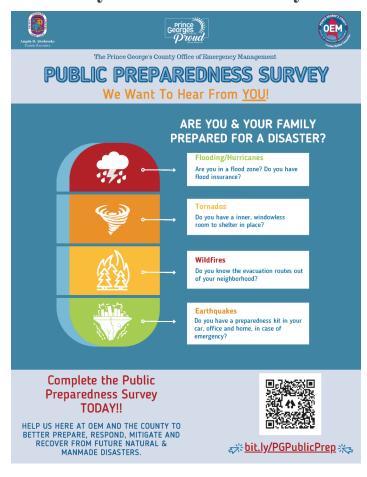
Join us May 4, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554 Or email <a href="mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov">mmuralles@berwynheightsmd.gov</a>

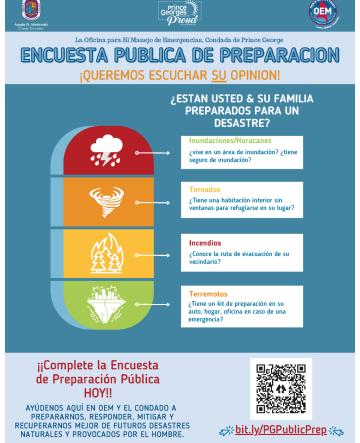
## \*This survey is for Prince George's County Residents over 18 ONLY\*

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates the County's response to natural and man-made disasters. OEM is responsible for emergency preparedness, coordination of response and recovery activities, and mitigation planning. This survey will help OEM and the County to better prepare, respond, mitigate, and recover from future natural disasters.

\*This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Please try to answer every question, to the best of your ability\*

## The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management thanks you in advance for your willingness to help!





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May 9	Howard Johnson
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May 20	Deb Hutchinson
May 23	Herman Seeger

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**POTLUCK & MOVIE** – Second Saturday at 5PM **BREAKFAST** at the SILVER DINER third Thursday at 9:30AM

**MEETINGS** - Second and Fourth Tuesday at 11:00AM. The Fourth Tuesday is also a Potluck.

## TUESDAY MAY 3: Center closed for Town Elections



#### **Berwyn Heights Education Advisory Committee**

May 23 at 7p

Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Would you like to support our community?

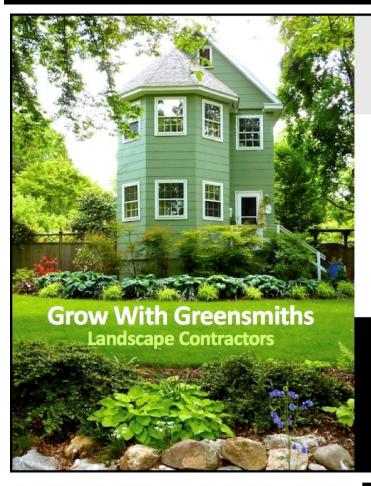
Join the committee! Come to a meeting! Share your ideas! We would especially love to hear from students. Help plan our 2022 activities!

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7pm

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#### **Recent Working Incidents**

March 18th- At around 0900 Rescue Squad 814B was alerted to

respond to the area of I-95 and Cherry Hill Rd for the reported car under a tractor trailer. Upon arrival the Rescue Squad stabilized the vehicles and removed the driver side of the car freeing the patient. The squad was on scene for approximately 20 minutes.



March 19th- Squad 14 operated on 2 working incidents in Montgomery county. The first incident was dispatched at around 0100 hours for a vehicle accident with entrapment on the outer loop of 495 in the area of New Hampshire Ave. Squad 14 arrived on scene with 1 patient trapped in an overturned vehicle. The crew quickly stabilized the car and flapped the roof to remove the occupant. The company operated for approximately 30 minutes before returning to service. The second incident was a building fire in the 13600 block of Robey Rd. Squad 14 and Chief 14B were dispatched at around 11:15 to replace units on the initial box alarm. Montgomery county units went onscene with fire in the rear stairwell of a 3 story apartment building. Upon arrival company 14 checked for extension on the 3rd floor and verified the adjacent apartments were evacuated. Company 14 operated for approximately 1 hour.

March 29th– 3rd Alarm Truck 14 was altered to assist units with a 3-Alarm Apartment fire in the 7200Blk of Donnell Drive in District Heights. Initial units arrived to find all three floors of an apartment building engulfed in flames, and requested multiple alarms. No reported civilian or firefighter injuries. During the duration of the incident, Hyattsville VFD Ladder Truck 1 was transferred to Berwyn Heights VFD to cover the area.

April 11th– Truck 14 was alerted to the 9100Blk of Good Luck Road in Lanham for a reported house fire. Units arrived to find fire showing and operated for over an hour before returning to service.

#### **BHVFD** Member Appointed to **County Fire Commission**

We are proud to announce that our own BHVFD Volunteer Member, Kyle Snyder, has been appointed by the County Executive's Office to serve on the County's Fire Commission!

Established by the County Charter in 1970, the Fire Commission regulates volunteer fire companies in Prince George's County. The Commission reviews the financial needs of the companies and helps disperse public funds to them. Annually, the Commission formulates budgets and capital improvement

programs for each company. These budgets and programs are submitted for approval to the County Executive.

The Commission consists of nine members. Each July, they are elected to one-year terms by



the volunteer fire companies within the County (County Code, secs. 11-301 through 11-303).

#### New Heavy Rescue Squad Delivered!

In March, Squad 14 was picked up from the dealer and brought to Berwyn Heights. In the coming weeks, the drivers and firefighters will conduct training before the squad is officially placed in service and serving the area!



#### Consider planting shade trees this spring!

Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7 pm, G. Love Room

Contact: Amanda Dewey, amandamdewey@gmail.com

Through the Shade Tree Planting Rebate Program Berwyn Heights offers up to \$150 in reimbursement to residents planting native shade trees on their property.

For full details and eligible tree types, search "Tree Rebate Program" on the Town website.



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For more information, contact Sensei Theresa Beck at <a href="mailto:becktheresag@gmail.com">becktheresag@gmail.com</a> or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



## **Berwyn Heights GreenBee**

Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com





Our next Green Team meeting will be Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

at the G. Love Room at the Town Center. Note special date and in-person location.

All residents are welcome to attend and contribute their priorities!

## **May 7:**

# Visit The Green Team Booth At Berwyn Heights Day

- Learn about composting and recycling.
- Sign up to Adopt A Block!
- Learn how to remove ivy to protect your trees.

See you there!

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## Friday, March 4, 2022, at 7:35 am, 'DEA TH INVESTIGATIONS'

On 3/4/2022 at 0724 hours, Ofc Wright #1455 of the Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department responded to 56--Goucher Dr. in Berwyn Heights for a death report. Upon his arrival, the fireboard was still performing life-saving measures on the individual who was lying supine on the bed in the bedroom. All attempts were exhausted, FF/EMT-P from PGFD Medic 812 Lysy #22438 pronounced the male deceased at 0735 hours. The male was identified as 59 Y/O male of Berwyn Heights. The death was witnessed by his wife. She stated that he started to breathe "funny" and when she tried to wake him up, he did not. She then called 911. The decedent was under the care of Dr. Hammett M. D of Laurel Internal Medicine located at 13952 Baltimore Ave. Laurel MD, 20707. Dr. Hammett was contacted via phone and advised of the death. Dr. Hammett accepted the signing of the death certificate. The decedent has been sick for quite some time with extensive health issues information provided by his wife. OCME Stephen Truesdell was contacted and declined to come out. The OC-ME incident number is #22-03609. Homicide from PGPD was also contacted (M45) and also declined to come out due to the death being witnessed and the health condition. The Chief of Police Col. K. Antolik # 1425 and Operations Commander LT. D. Unger # 144 I arrived on the scene and were briefed on the incident. Ofc. Herriott# 1454 and Ofc. Lowndes# 1456 also arrived on the scene and assisted. PG's mobile crisis team was also requested and arrived on the scene. Gasch's Funeral Home arrived on the scene and received the body. This was approved by both Dr. Hammett and the M.E/Homicide Detective. No foul play was suspected in the death. The family arrived on the scene and was given information on how to proceed. No further information was able to be obtained about the incident.

## Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 11:39 am, 'EPS'

On 03/13/2022 Cpl. Rufino along with Sgt. Roberson was dispatched for a check on the welfare of a woman laying on the ground in front of the drive-thru at Little Caesars, located at 5815 Greenbelt Road.

Investigation revealed that a 34 Y/O/B/F of Greenbelt, MD was extremely intoxicated by an unknown substance. The subject was uncooperative, and she was subsequently transported by ambulance for an EPS/detoxification treatment.

## Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2:22 pm, 'TRAFFIC WITH ARRESTS'

On 03/13/2022 at 1422 hours, Ofc Wright #1455 of the Berwyn Heights Maryland Police Department was on routine patrol in the area of Ruatan St and 58th Ave in the Town of Berwyn Heights Maryland. As he approached the intersection, he observed an older model blue in color Honda come through the intersection failing to make a complete stop at the stop sign. In addition to a crack on the vehicle's windshield, the rear brake light for the vehicle was inoperable and the vehicle was producing excessive noise from the rear muffler. As soon as the officer walked up to the vehicle, he noticed a very strong odor of marijuana. Search incidental to the arrest revealed the following, multiple packs of rolling papers, 2 folding knives (I large, I small) 2 containers of alcohol shots, a box of .22 ammo, tools, and 2 NY license plates HPM5637. Investigation revealed the NY plates through dispatch that they were both reported stolen. At this time, Mr. Vicente Alexan Escobar Cuellar was placed into handcuffs by Ofc. Lowndes. Officers also located a Dell laptop, a phone with alcohol, drugs, and money in the background located in the center console of the vehicle. A firearm laser was found in the door of tl1e passenger of the vehicle. Items were properly bagged and transported to the station by Cpl. Rufino #1451 where it was logged and processed. Both driver and passenger were transported to the Prince George's Co. Department of Corrections and properly transferred to DOC officers. Greenbelt Rd. Shell impounded the vehicle. The weight of the marijuana was 1.4 oz 40 grams. The stolen NY registration plates were found in the back seat of the vehicle on the floor next to a hand full of tools. Mr. Vicente Alexan Escobar Cuellar, 25 Y/O/W/H/M of Brentwood, MD was charged with theft under \$100.00. Mr. Wilfredo Jr. Ramirez, 20 Y/O/W/H/M of Brentwood, MD was charged with CDS Possession- Marijuana IO GM+.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 2:17 pm, 'VERBAL THREAT TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE'

On 3/15/2022 At approximately 1417 hours. PVT. Herriott #1454 responded to

5411 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights MD. 20740 for a station call. Upon arrival, he spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer who advised that while taking pictures of a property located at 85\*\* 58th Avenue Berwyn Heights MD 20740. The owner \*\*\*\* comes out and began velling "You can't take pictures of my property"! Code Officer replied, "yes sir I can it is my job". The owner of the resident then yelled "No the f\*ck you can't"! Code advised that she moved up a little when the resident stated, "I am tired of you guys bothering me". The resident then stated he was going to have someone follow her home and that people have been found hung on trees for less than this. Code responds, "sir it is not that serious". The resident responds, "you heard what I said, you don't know me, but your director does". "Something can happen to you". Code Officer then leaves the property. This report will be forwarded to CID SGT. Krouse.

#### Monday, March 21, 2022, at I0:20 am, 'THEFT OF MD REGISTRATION PLATES'

On 3/21/2022 at 1020 hours, Ofc Wright #1455 of the Berwyn Heights Police Department responded to the station for a walk-in theft report. Upon his arrival, he met with the reporting person Ms. XXX of Berwyn Heights, and her father the owner of the vehicle, XXX who stated that in the past two weeks someone stole the front and rear Maryland registration plates (7DH5862). XXX stated that 2 different Maryland tags were put on her vehicle. On the front of her vehicle was MD 2EX 1753 (REGISTERED PARTY: XXXX to be destroyed, and on the rear was MD 9EA6552 (REGISTERED OWNER (ORGANIZATION): BOSTON ENVIRON-MENTAL AND CONTR). 9EA6552 came back stolen out of PG County on 3/7/2022. XXX was unsure where exactly the theft occurred, but noticed it when she got a speed camera ticket in the mail and it was not her vehicle. XXX was advised to contact the MV A and report the incident to them as well to get new plates. Both tags that did not belong to her vehicle were taken and reported to PG County Teletype

For Emergencies CALL **301-352-1200** For Non-Emergency Police Assistance.



Tell the PGC Police Dispatcher the nature of your problem and ask that the on-duty BH Police Officer respond to your call.

# **CODE COMPLIANCE**

#### **Property Maintenance-Building Materials**

Of the most common **Ordinance 107 Clean Lot** violations is the open storage of **Building Materials**-- The use of exterior property to store building and construction materials such as lumber, bricks, concrete slabs, PVC and copper piping, tiling, aggregate, etc.

## We remind residents, per Ordinance 107.4G:

Exterior property areas should not be used for the storage of building materials unless materials are being used for authorized construction or renovation projects. that have been issued Prince George's County and Town permits, if applicable.

No bathroom or kitchen fixtures, furniture, or lawn and garden equipment, irrespective of age or condition may be openly stored.

Only routine garden maintenance equipment and outdoor lawn furniture may be openly stored on the exterior property.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is the goal of our office to communicate and work with residents and business owners to correct violations. If there are questions or concerns about Notices from Code Compliance, we welcome recipients to contact us to discuss.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

#### **BH Elementary School PTA**

President: Marilyn King
<a href="mailto:President@BHESPTA.org">President@BHESPTA.org</a>

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson &

Kimberly Bills Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

#### **Boys & Girls Club**

President: Robin Harris rcrestwell@yahoo.com

Vice President: Brandi Cowgill brandie9105@gmail.com

Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas tif.papanikolas@gmail.com

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga

Secretary:

Athletic Director: Darryl Harris darryl.harris@aimdgroup.com

Fundraising Chair:

#### **Education Advisory Committee**

Chair: Allison Holmes thebheac@gmail.com

#### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Facilitaor: Jeffrey Knutson jbknutson@verizon.net

Public Outreach: Therese Forbes therese@celticclans.com

#### **Historical Committee**

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder dsteelesny@yahoo.com

#### Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

#### **Movie Club**

Jonathan Loutsch

bhmovieclub@gmail.com

## Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden jimosley45@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler bhnwep53@aol.com

#### **Karate Club**

Leon Swain 301-728-2881 Brett Bentley 240-678-9103 Brett.bentley@gmail.com

#### **Quilter's Club**

Coordinator: Janet Freitag quilttag1@yahoo.com

#### **Recreation Council**

President: Susan Jones violindreams@verizon.net

#### **Seniors Club**

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rec Council 4PM	Worksession 7PM	Town Elections 7AM—7PM	NW/EP 7PM	Boys and Girls Club 7PM		Berwyn Heights
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8	9 <b>N</b>	10 5	Town Meeting 7PM	12	13	14
15	Worksession 7PM	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30 Offices Closed  memorial DAY	31	1	2	3	4
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munity organization meeting. Location of meetings is subject to change after publication. To join community meetings, please contact the meeting organizers or use the contacts on page 30.				Trash, Bulk Trash South-side Collec	S	

Recycling

The Street Sweeper will be in Town May 2-6. Please park off the street

whenever possible while the Sweeper is in Town.

# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS 5700 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799 CARRIER-ROUTE SORTED PRESORT STANDARD U. S. Postage Paid College Park, Maryland Permit No. 5442

# POSTAL CUSTOMER BERWYN HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

**Dated Material — Do Not Delay!** 

#### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

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Emergency - Fire & Rescue	9-1-1					
Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200					
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554					
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331					
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov						
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897					
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov						
Fire Department	(301) 474-7886					
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018					
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808					
Town Office	(301) 474-5000					

#### **Regular Trash Collection Schedule**

Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

North of Pontiac...... Mondays & Thursdays South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac Tuesday for South of Pontiac

**Recycling Schedule:** 

Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### **Mayor and Council**

Amanda Dewey (443) 646-3529 <u>adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor — Public Health & Safety

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 <u>jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs

Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 -2578 <a href="mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov">cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov</a> Councilmember — Administration

Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 <u>jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Code Compliance

Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 <u>esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Councilmember — Public Works

Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 <u>lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov</u> Town Manager

#### **Town Helpline**

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?

Email Town at

contact@berwynheightsmd.gov

Be assured that your communication
will be answered promptly
and in confidence.

#### **Watch Council Meetings**



On Comcast channel 71 FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M. 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M. 3rd most recent mtg: Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Melanie Friesen, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email <a href="mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov">mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov</a> Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: <a href="mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov">yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov</a> Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month